

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for presenting a plurality of search result records from a query comprising:

~~identifying~~ defining a[[n]] shared attribute, that was not used in the query, ~~as shared by~~ based on values common to a plurality of multiple search result records;
creating a category corresponding to a value of the ~~identified~~ shared attribute;
displaying the category; and
displaying a list of the search result records associated with the displayed category ~~with the display of the category~~.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein displaying the category further comprises:

displaying the category as a labeled tab.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein displaying the category further comprises:

displaying the category as a labeled button.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a search result record having a value of null for the identified attribute is associated with the category.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~identifying~~ defining an attribute further comprises:

determining a first set of defined values for a first attribute;
determining a second set of defined values for a second attribute; and
classifying the first attribute and the second attribute as a single shared attribute if the first set of defined values ~~is substantially the same as~~ and the second set of defined values share a common set of defined values.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein creating a category further comprises:

determining a first number of search result records corresponding to a first category;
determining a second number of search result records corresponding to a second category; and
combining the first category and the second category into a new category if the sum of the first number and the second number is less than a predetermined threshold.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein combining includes:
combining the first category and the second category into a new category if the sum of the first number and the second number are less than a third number of records in a third category.

8. (Currently Amended) A system for presenting a plurality of search result records from a query comprising:

means for ~~identifying~~ defining a ~~shared~~ attribute, that was not used in the query, ~~as shared by~~ based on values common to a plurality of multiple search result records;

means for creating a category corresponding to a value ~~[[fo]]~~ of the ~~identified~~ shared attribute;

means for displaying the category; and

means for displaying a list of the search result records associated with the displayed category ~~with the display of the category~~.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the means for displaying the category further comprises:

means for displaying the category as a labeled tab.

10. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the means for displaying the category further comprises:

means for displaying the category as a labeled button.

11. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein a search result record having a value of null for the identified attribute is associated with the category.

12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the means for ~~identifying~~ defining an attribute further comprises:

- means for determining a first set of defined values for a first attribute;
- means for determining a second set of defined values for a second attribute; and
- means for classifying the first attribute and the second attribute as a single shared attribute if the first set of defined values ~~is substantially the same as~~ and the second set of defined values share a common set of defined values.

13. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the means for creating a category further comprises:

- means for determining a first number of search result records corresponding to a first category;
- means for determining a second number of search result records corresponding to a second category; and
- means for combining the first category and the second category into a new category if a sum of the first number and the second number is less than a predetermined threshold.

14. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 13, wherein the means for combining includes:

- means for combining the first category and the second category into a new category if the sum of the first number and the second number are less than a third number of search result records in a third category.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for presenting a plurality of search result records from a query comprising code for causing a processor to perform the steps of:

~~identifying~~ defining a[[n]] shared attribute, that was not used in the query, ~~as shared by~~ based on values common to a plurality of multiple search result records;
creating a category corresponding to a value of the ~~identified~~ shared attribute;
displaying the category; and
displaying a list of the search result records associated with the displayed category ~~with the display of the category~~.

16. (Original) The computer program product of claim 15, wherein displaying the category further comprises:

displaying the category as a labeled tab.

17. (Original) The computer program product of claim 15, wherein displaying the category further comprises:

displaying the category as a labeled button.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 15, wherein ~~identifying~~ defining an attribute further comprises:

determining a first set of defined values for a first attribute;

determining a second set of defined values for a second attribute; and

classifying the first attribute and the second attribute as a single shared attribute if the first set of defined values ~~is substantially the same as~~ and the second set of defined values share a common set of defined values.

19. (Original) The computer program product of claim 15, wherein creating a category further comprises:

determining a first number of search result records corresponding to a first category;

determining a second number of search result records corresponding to a second category; and

combining the first category and the second category into a new category if the sum of the first number and the second number is less than a predetermined threshold.

20. (Original) The computer program product of claim 19, wherein combining includes:

combining the first category and the second category into a new category if the sum of the first number and the second number are less than a third number of records in a third category.